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S E C R E T LUANDA 0513

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DETAINMENT OF SOVIET AND BLOC AGENTS IN ANGOLA

1. AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONGEN INFORMED US THAT HE HAS RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 30 A GROUP OF NINE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED BY IMMIGRATION POLICE AT LUANDA AIRPORT. THE GROUP ALL HAD NEW PORTUGUESE PASSPORTS BUT WERE ABLE TO SPEAK ONLY A LITTLE PORTUGUESE. THEY WERE DETAINED ON THE ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, NGOLA KABANGU (FNLA). A POLICE DOCTOR, WHO FORMERLY WORKED FOR THE SECRET POLICE (DGS), WAS CALLED IN TO EXAMINE THE GROUP BEFORE INCARCERATION. THIS DOCTOR PASSED ALONG THE INFORMATION TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN, WHO HAD HAD EXTREMELY CLOSE TIES WITH THE OLD DGS. THE DOCTOR STATED THERE WERE TWO RUSSIANS, TWO YUGOSLAVS, TWO BULGARIANS, A BRAZILIAN AND TWO OTHERS OF UNIDENTIFIED NATIONALITY IN THE GROUP AND

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THAT THE POLICE PRESUME THEY WERE SENT HERE BY THE PORTUGUESE

COMMUNIST PARTY TO ASSIST MPLA. THE DOCTOR SAID THEY WERE
CARRYING SOME MEDICINES AND DRUGS AND THE POLICE ARE ANALYZING
THESE NOW.

2. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THIS STORY THROUGH KABANGU AND
THE PORTUGUESE, AND TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, IF
POSSIBLE.
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